suitable legislation to enable State Governments to restructure the SEBs.

Foreign proposals for setting up of industries

*179. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from abroad for setting up industries in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof including the joint ventures;

(c) the proposed amount of investment, State-wise; and

(d) whether any survey has been conducted in respect of the resultant outcomes as a whole after setting up of such industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Sir, a total number of 7397 proposals including joint ventures, envisaging FDI amounting to Rs. 108508.19 crores were approved during the period from January 1994 to May 1997. The details of such proposals viz., name and country of foreign collaborator, equity investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre and also in the Monthly SIA Newsletter, copies of which are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(d) Sir, the Government efforts to expedite implementation of projects approved include interaction with State Governments, obtaining direct and indirect feedback from the companies, through correspondence as well as through a study assigned to NCAER.

Better performance of PSUs

*180. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector undertakings are making good this year;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of the reasons for such turnaround; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per available information, during 1995-96 there has been a general improvement in the functioning and profitability of the PSUs as a whole.

(b) and (c) Reasons for improvement in the functioning of the enterprises are usually company or sector specific. On a general basis, however, the steps taken by the Government and the management of PSUs for improving the functioning of the enterprises are detailed on page 122 of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1995-96 (laid on the Table of the House on 5.5.97) which *inter-alia* include delegation of powers to Board of Directors and their professionalisation, signing of MOUs with PSUs, reduction of surplus manpower through Voluntary Retirement Scheme, etc.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Supply of coal to the proposed power station of Hindujas in Vizag

1241. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India has instructed Coal India Limited to put up a coal washery and supply coal to the proposed power station of Hindujas in Vizag;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the penalty clauses, if any;

(c) whether it is the intention of Government to advice Coal India Limited to supply washed coal to all other IPPs in India on same terms and conditions as applicable to the Hindujas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?